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## HEAVY GUNS BATTER AT BARDIA: FLAMING RING AROUND CITY

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY BEFORE BARDIA, DEC. 25 (UP).—FRESH BATTERIES OF GUNS WITH HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS OF INFANTRY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP FOR THE BATTLE OF BARDIA.

MASSED LINES OF CANNON ARE ROARING DAY AND NIGHT TO FORM A FLAMING RING ON THE LAND SIDE, WHILE THE BIG GUNS OF THE NAVY CONTINUE A MURDEROUS VOLLEY FROM THE SEA.

The town itself has thrown up a pall of yellowish smoke, which, with the dust and fumes from the British artillery, obscures a flawless blue sky.

### Headquarters' Communique

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communique says, "In Libya, preparations to deal with the situation at Bardia are being steadily rushed forward despite renewed air activity for support of the beleaguered garrison."

"West from Gallabat our patrols, again inflicted casualties on the enemy."

"British raiders made a surprise attack on Valona aerodrome last Tuesday and bombed grounded planes and hangars and machine-gunned the area from a low level. They departed with 'the aerodrome engulfed in smoke'. A cruiser which put up an anti-aircraft barrage was heavily machine-gunned from a low height."

The communique said that aerodromes at Timimi and Gazalla on the Western Desert were raided. A large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighter planes raided Sollum "causing slight damage and a number of casualties."

#### Artillery Duel

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Spasmodic artillery fire from both sides continued to-day at Bardia. British forces have been subjected to dive-bombing attacks by enemy aircraft but frontline observers state that these attacks were mostly ineffective in causing further casualties.

Throughout the Western Desert, British patrols held a simple Christmas service for the troops.

#### C-in-C's Order of Day

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of British Troops in the Middle East, in an Order of the Day to the troops, says that operations have not ended and that further efforts with a similar spirit will bring further successes.

The Order thanks all ranks and says that success was due to careful preparation, good administration, and hard training behind the lines as well as in the thick of the fighting. Only troops trained to the highest moral and physical pitch, led with dash and confidence, could have carried through the operation so swiftly and successfully at such small cost.

#### Longmore's Message

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Commander-in-Chief of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, in a message to all ranks of the R.A.F., Australian and South African air forces, sends his Christmas greetings. The Air Chief Marshal added that with ever-increasing resources and the high morale of the squadrons, we shall look forward to a victorious new year and a proper Christmas in the years to come.

#### Italians Dive-Bombing

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (UP).—The Italians are attempting to relieve the British pressure on Bardia by dive-bombing attacks on British concentrations, but military circles are of the opinion that it is very unlikely that the British plans will suffer the slightest delay, and that Bardia will be dealt with in due time. The only results of the Italian raids have been slight casualties.

### LATEST

#### This Morning's City Tragedy

A well-dressed Chinese woman crashed to her death this morning when she either jumped or fell from the third floor of the Asia Hotel in Des Voeux Road Central.

The woman had registered in the hotel with a man on December 23. The man is reported to have left the hotel at midnight last night, and the disturbed state of the room indicated that a quarrel had taken place.

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## JAPAN-THAILAND TREATY Text Revealed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Domei).—

Hailing it as "a valuable contribution toward the political progress of East Asia," Dr Nobutomi Ito, President of the Information Board, declared that the Nippon-Thai treaty which went into effect on December 23 when ratifications were exchanged at Bangkok, would form the basis of future relations between the two countries.

Dr Ito emphasized that the treaty "is not in its spirit and letter such a passive one as the so-called non-aggression treaty but a progressive one."

#### Purpose Of Pact

The Government, a spokesman's statement issued this morning read: "As announced at the time of its conclusion by the Foreign Office on June 12, the purpose of the Japan-Thai treaty is as follows: First, to respect mutually each other's territorial integrity and reaffirm the peace and friendship existing between them."

Secondly, to exchange information and consult one another regarding any question of common interest that may arise."

Thirdly, in the event of one of the high contracting parties being attacked by any third Power or Powers, the other party undertakes not to give aid or assistance to the said Power or Powers."

The treaty is effective for five years. The treaty is one that makes a valuable contribution toward the political progress of East Asia now that Japan is devoting all her efforts to the establishment of a sphere of common prosperity in greater East Asia."

In view of the fact that the treaty is not in its spirit and letter such a passive one, it is clear that both Japan and Thailand intend to make this treaty a basis of their friendly relations."

It is indeed a source of gratification that the treaty has now come into effect."

#### Five Articles

The treaty consists of five articles of which the text reads: "Article 1. The high contracting parties shall mutually respect each other's territorial integrity and hereby reaffirm constant peace and perpetual friendship existing between them."

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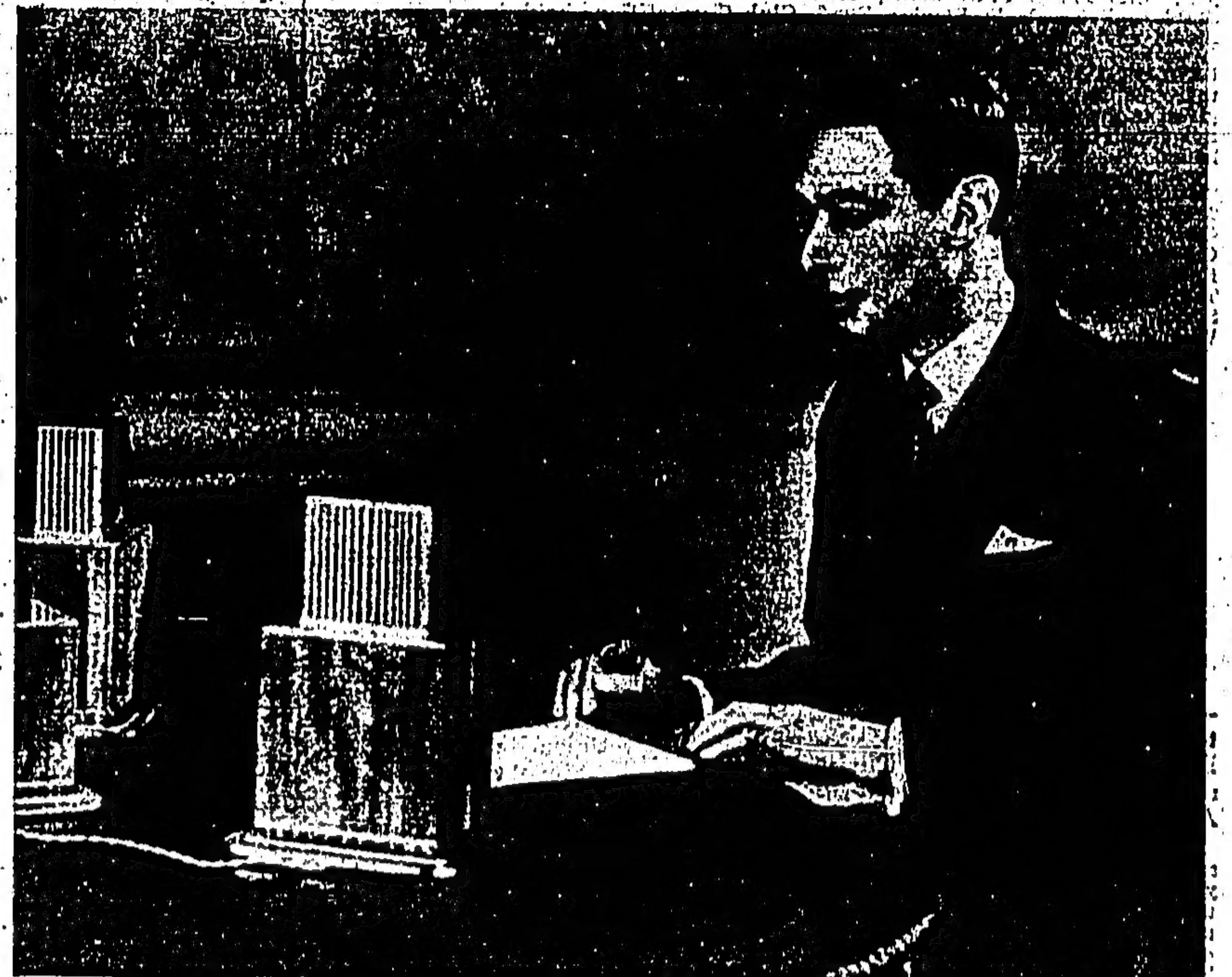
"Article 5. The high contracting parties shall mutually maintain peace and friendship."

## Thailand Border Clashes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Dec. 25 (UP).—A communique issued to-day says that border clashes continued on Monday and Tuesday at Nongkai, Mukdahan and Nakompanom.

## THE KING BROADCASTS TO HIS EMPIRE



His Majesty the King yesterday broadcast his annual Christmas message to the Empire, when he paid high tribute to the splendid efforts made during the past year by the dominions and colonies. The speech was relayed in Hongkong by ZBW and clearly heard.

## Huge Defence Expenditures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).—

The defence expenditures for the first six months of the current fiscal year totalled \$1,550,000,000, constituting nearly one-third of the total expenditures from the general fund, according to data gathered at the Treasury Department.

Defence expenses for October aggregated nearly \$300,000,000 compared with the total defence expenditures during the last fiscal year of \$654,000,000. During the current year, the Navy led with an expenditure of \$779,000,000.

The public debt was \$44,997,500,000 on December 20, and is now presumed to be about \$45,000,000,000, whereas the legal debt limit is \$49,000,000,000.

## Unofficial Christmas Truce

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 25 (UP).—At

8.40 p.m. it was reported that if a continuance of the unofficial truce hinges on the weather, there will probably be no British or German raids to-night. Occasional snow and mist with a heavily overcast sky are reported over the Straits of Dover.

Earlier—at nightfall—it was reported that the unofficial truce had passed the 24-hour mark and that no German planes had been reported over England during that period. Moreover, there have been no reports of R.A.F. bombings since the night of December 23-24. There is some apprehension regarding tonight, however, because the Channel weather has improved and has become clear and cold.

#### Berlin Concedes Truce

BERLIN, Dec. 25 (UP).—The German High Command revealed today what is tantamount to an unofficial Christmas Eve truce in the air.

The announcement said: "The German air force on the night of the 24th and on the 25th undertook no offensive operations. The enemy did not attack the Reich territory."

#### Few Planes Appear

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—There was only slight enemy air activity during daylight to-day over Britain.

The Home Security communique reports a few enemy aircraft over the Channel and off the Scottish coast. One enemy plane was shot down in the Orkneys by fighters of the Fleet Air Arm co-operating with the R.A.F. Four of the crew were captured.

## Wants To Know Terms For Peace In Europe

U.S. Senator's Suggestions

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP).—Senator Millard Tydings to-day urged the Administration to try to ascertain Britain's Germany's and Italy's minimum requirements for a "just peace" before charting the international course of the United States policy.

He suggested that answers be sought to the following:

"Is it possible to secure a just peace in Europe?"

"What, precisely, are the conditions to which Britain, on the one hand, and the Axis Powers on the other will agree to a just peace?"

He said that if President Roosevelt or Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State find peace impossible, then the United States could proceed "with vim and rightly project our own country's course."

He said that a just peace must involve firstly the restoration of Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France to political sovereignty and independence. "A peace which would do less is certainly impossible," he declared.

Secondly, a formula founded primarily on national origin and subjects which would establish the future for such countries as Poland and Czechoslovakia was essential.

#### KING'S SPEECH

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The German controlled Danish wireless to-night gave an unusually full summary of King George's broadcast. Several passages of the speech were verbatim, such as the King's statement that inhabitants of bombed cities are facing their ordeal in a way of which they can be proud.

#### Two Ships Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 25 (UP).—The Admiralty announced that naval planes successfully attacked Tripoli harbour on the night of December 20-21 where they torpedoed and sank two merchant vessels.

#### Raid On Continent

LONDON, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Air Ministry to-day announced that the R.A.F. last night attacked the invasion ports at Boulogne, Dunkirk and Ostend, in addition to industrial targets in the Rhineland, including Ludwigshafen. One R.A.F. plane is missing.

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## Greeks Advance Towards Valona

Important Gains

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ATHENS, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Greeks are reported to be within 15 miles of Valona, while blacked-out Athens resounded to the Christmas greetings of the fleet.

Wheeling Athens' taxis rolled into the mountains of south Albania to the rear lines of the Greeks with thousands of special gift packages, each containing a bottle of cognac, cigarettes, chocolate and warm socks.

The Greeks are reported to have captured three more villages and also a "great number of prisoners and war materials."

#### Italians Cut Off

SOFIA, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Greek radio to-night reported the Greeks have advanced towards Valona from Chimara and have captured three villages, many prisoners and considerable war materials.

They have cut off a number of Italian operating on the Tepelini front.

#### Coast Region Occupied

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (UP).—A United Press correspondent at Chimara reports that the Greeks now occupy the whole region along the coast road from Agrinio towards Chimara. The south road has been heavily bombed and shelled from the sea. The Greeks are consolidating their positions, repairing the damage and rehabilitating the entire area.

#### Greeks Mopping Up

STUGA, Dec. 24 (UP).—Reports from the frontier say the Greek left wing is mopping up the Griba mountains early this morning. The Greeks occupied the village of Jorani, three miles north of Torvill after a fierce fight.

On the slopes of the Klora mountains, the Greeks routed the Italians who are now retreating in disorder to the northeast in the direction of Lepenica.

The Italians assaulted the Greek lines three times but were repulsed, after which the Greeks made a counter-attack and defeated the Italians after three hours of heavy fighting.

Five Anglo-Greek planes bombed Berat this morning killing nine persons. TURN to Page 7, Column Five

## Sing War Songs For Carols In Shelters

London's Christmas Eve

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 24 (UP).—At 10 p.m. to-night crowds in the Liverpool street station air raid shelter sang war songs, instead of carols.

Over 10,000 were lying on the floor and benches in two unfinished subway tubes forming one of London's largest shelters.

Five hundred children, with their parents, went to bed early. The regular inhabitants of the shelter spent the day making paper chains and pennants and festooned the curved tube walls.

Two Christmas trees were lighted by electricity and were also decorated. The biggest Christmas celebrations will be held to-morrow when every child will receive candy, cakes and

fruit. The Lord Mayor and other dignitaries have been invited. Quiet Christmas Day LONDON, Dec. 25 (UP).—Christmas Day began peacefully throughout Britain. There were no air raid alarms anywhere during Christmas Eve or to-day up to daylight, except for two small coastal raids.

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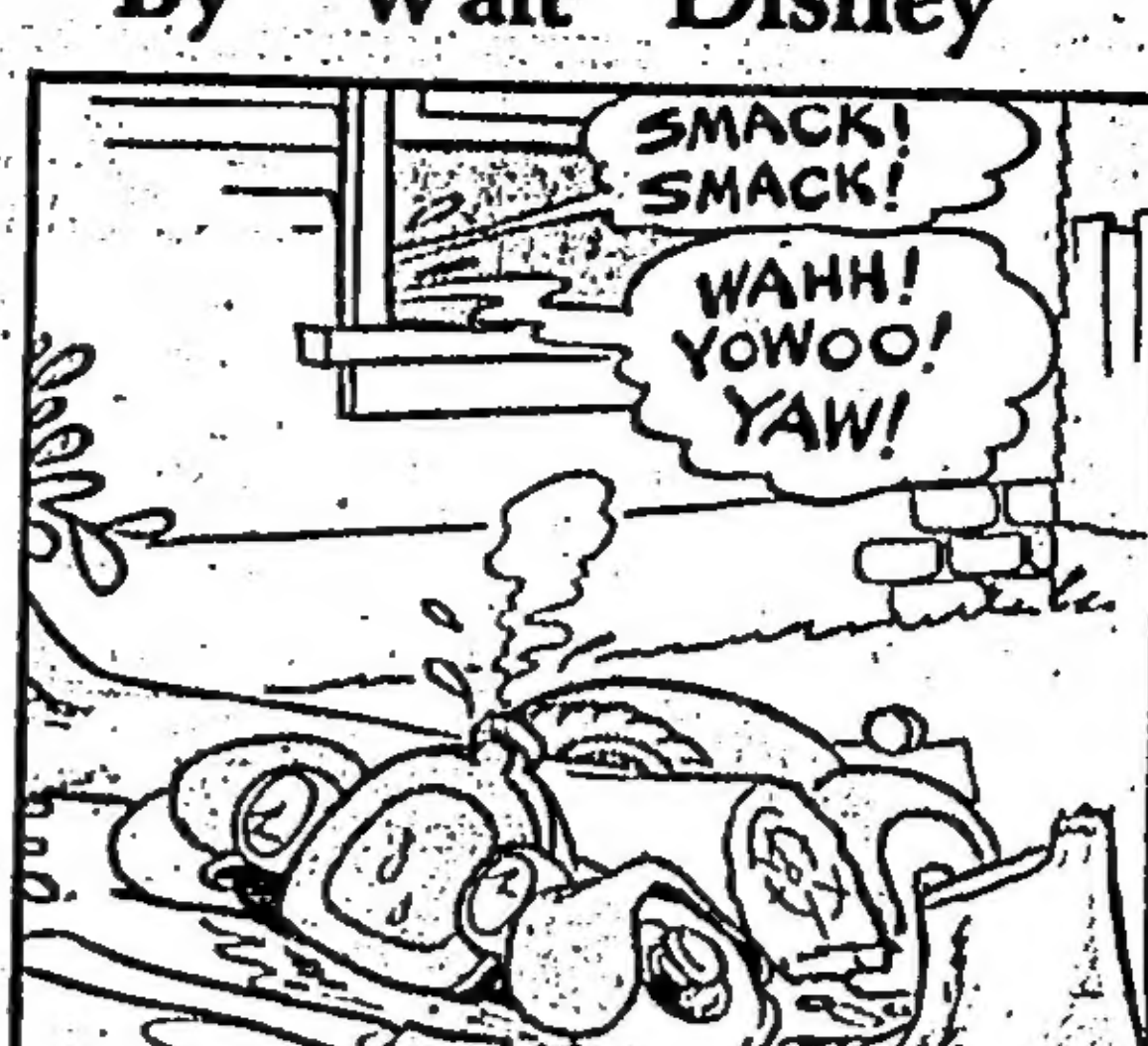
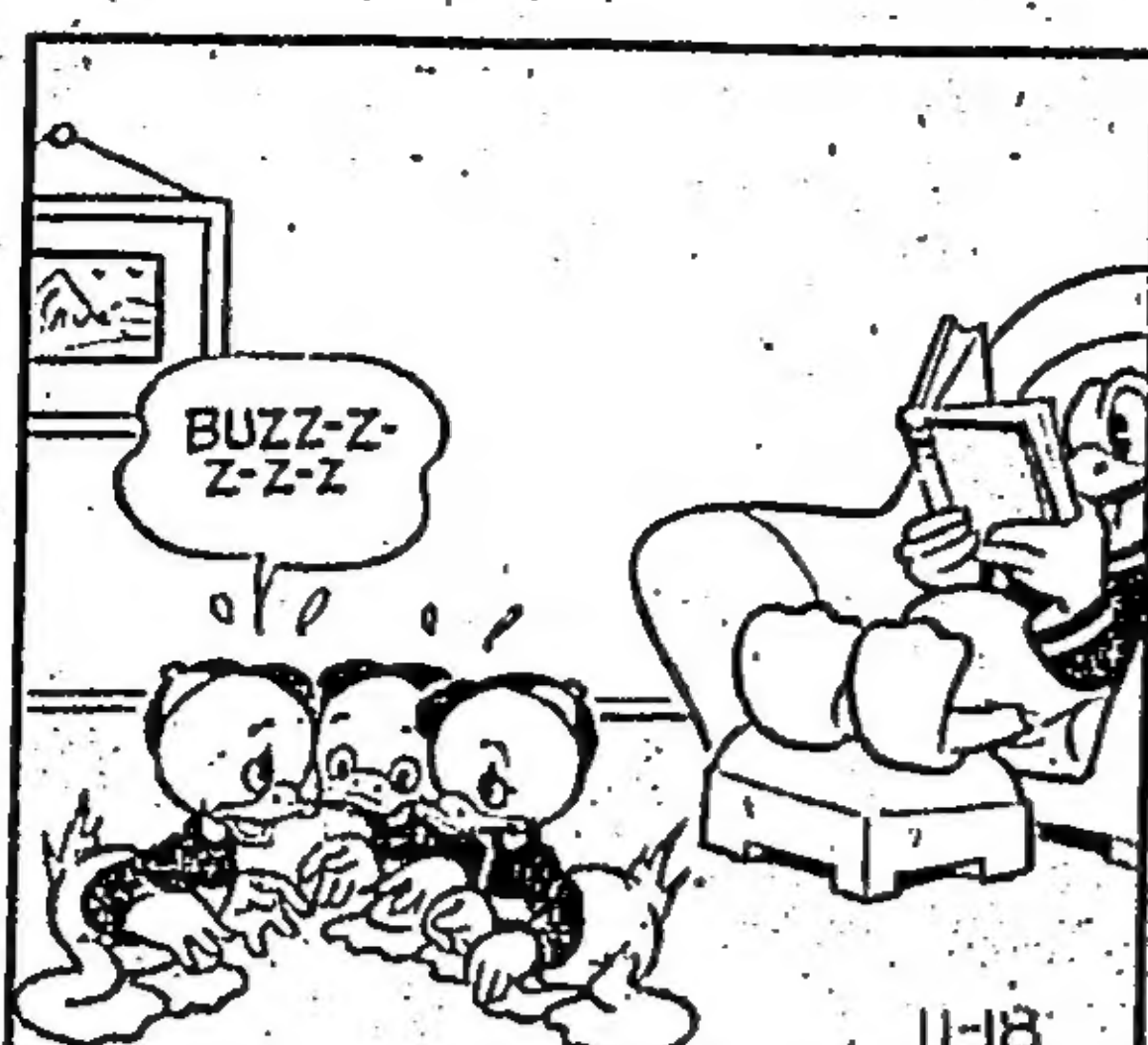
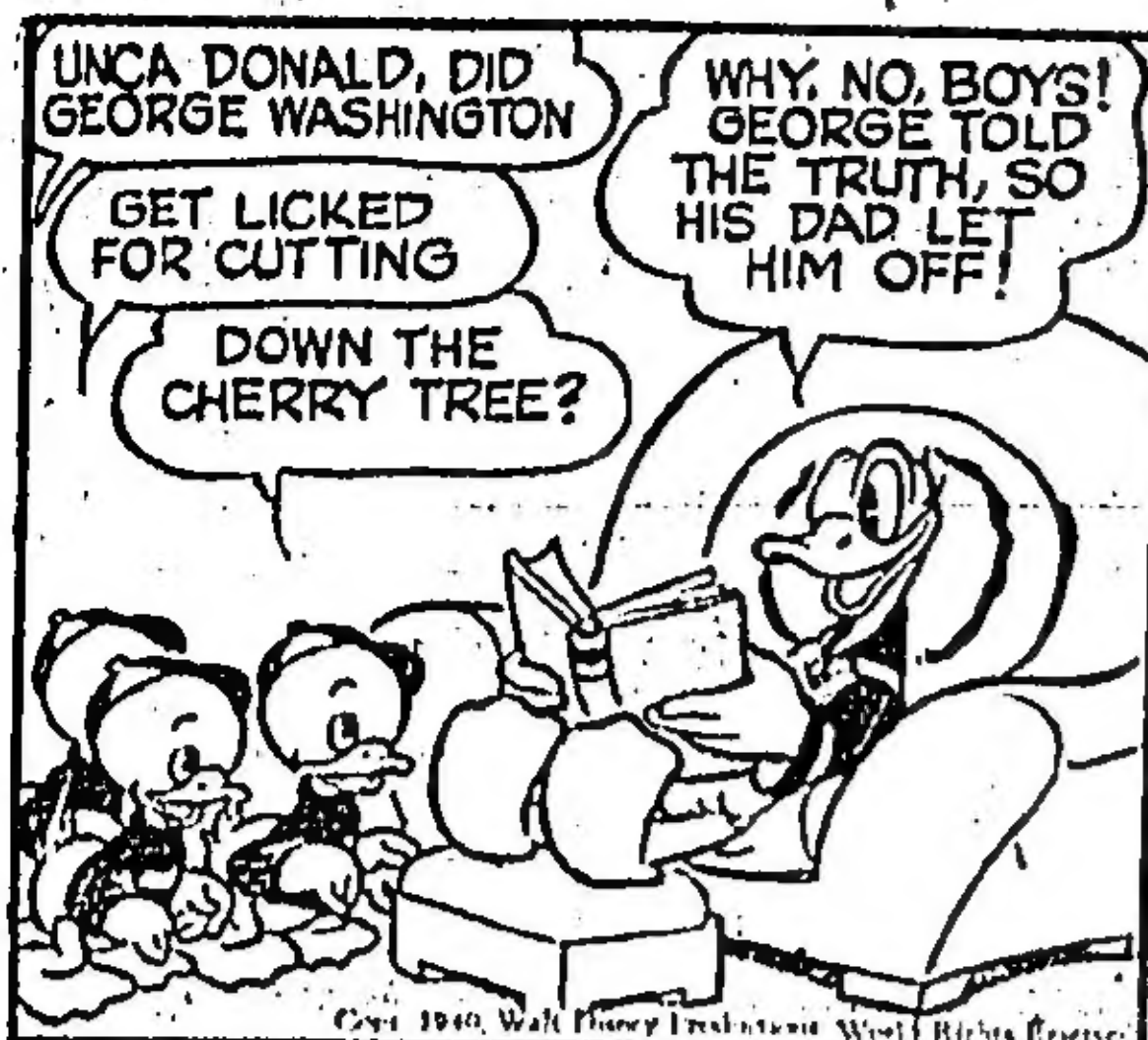
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## Miracle of our CITIZEN ARMY

I HAVE seen beyond any doubt the reason why Britain will never be successfully invaded.

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Each night, for the past three weeks, I have gone out with one unit or other of the Home Guard in every sort of place—from Devon to Scotland, from the front-line counties of the Channel coast to the great industrial cities of the North.

And in those three weeks I have seen the greatness of Britain in an emergency expressed as I believe it has never been expressed before.

I saw a whole nation dropping, every sectional difference and uniting in defence.

Behind every country hedge I found men patrolling, armed and ready should the invader come—anxious, to tell the truth, that he should come, that they could take a part in ending this war.

Across every open space and moorland I found men watching, never relaxing from the alert; and in the cities, the factories, the mine-fields, the shipyards, a great legion of men drilling, mustering, mounting guard, preparing.

### AMAZING

The Government itself, surely, must have been amazed at the response to its call for a Home Guard—1,300,000 men in some two months before the recruiting list was closed.

A vast army in a score of days—unpaid, yet all the keener for that, many of them veterans of one great war, all of them clamouring to be allowed to serve.

The whole history of the world has never produced an army like it. I know that the professional soldiers were amazed, for several of them told me so.

"After the last war," said one of them, "we grew to think that Britain had changed and there would never be another generation like ours."

"Then came Dunkirk to prove that the young men were fiercer than ever. And after that the call to defend England at home, and we knew with gladness that all the nation was sound."

"I have seen many armies and quite a lot of fighting. I have never seen men so keen and so determined."

### MISTAKES

There have, of course, been mistakes. Nothing so quick-

### Dudley Barker

sums up his inspection of the Home Guard

ly organised could have escaped them.

It was a mistake to organise defence units in factories, pits, workshops and such separately from the main body of the Home Guard and to say that those units would fight only inside their own walls.

The Home Guard that defends the town defends all the factories in it—senseless to wait till the enemy is at the machines before employing all your force against him.

This division of forces has not worked well in practice, and it should be changed.

It was a mistake to appoint some of the present commanders.

In my journey I came across some who are swollen with a little local power, insist on military ranks and martinet discipline, and miss the whole spirit of the Home Guard, which is that of a body of free men equal in status, arming to defend their homes.

There are some few commanders who are making this question of rank a sort of personal issue, setting themselves up as little local Cæsars.

There are not many of them, and they are not all ex-soldiers. They are themselves guilty of insubordination, since they are flatly disobeying the Army Council's instructions. They should be dismissed at once.

There are other commanders, so lacking in imagination that the only training they give their men is a carbon copy of old-fashioned military discipline (route marches, forming fours, church parades).

"That sort of thing encourages the men," said one of them.

The Home Guardsmen who do civilian jobs all day have insufficient time for the necessary training and none to spare for route marches and forming fours. They can go to church as civilians if they wish, without putting on a uniform to do so.

I actually found one unit being taught ceremonial drill and slow marching.

"But that's fine," said a staff officer of one of the Commands. "That will teach them discipline and they'll fight better. Look at the Guards."

### NONSENSE

All nonsense. The Home Guard will never fight like the Guards. In a pitched battle they will never be more than second-class troops.

But train them the right way, as the unofficial instructors from the International Brigade train them at Osterley Park, and in guerilla fighting and they'll show even the Guards a thing or two.

The Home Guardsmen are individuals and they cannot

be hammered into a machine. But they are great individuals.

If you are a Home Guardsman you know how keen and determined your own little unit is. Believe me, the spirit is the same throughout the land, in field and factory alike, on city square and village green.

The spirit of the Home Guard is something very precious for Britain, and only danger threatens it. If Hitler does not invade before winter boredom might.

### KEEP IT UP

As dark evenings curtail training and no parachutists descend, the Home Guard will begin to feel that after all their efforts were for nothing and the danger against which they were mobilised has not come to pass.

Interest may slacken. That must not happen.

We cannot afford to lose the Home Guard enthusiasm that put new hearts in all the people when things were blackest and may even perhaps be the decisive factor in averting invasion altogether.

That enthusiasm must be kept up by every device of training and fellowship.

### THE REAL JOB

Above all, I believe, the enthusiasm of the Home Guard can best be preserved by stressing to them the real job that awaits them.

They were formed to round up parachutists, but that is not to be their end. A great role lies ahead.

When in the coming summer the regular armies go overseas to drive the Nazis home the safety of Britain will be entrusted to the Home Guard within her own shores.

Tell them that, tell them to fit themselves for that, and their enthusiasm will not abate.

## More Savings Are Needed

Lord Stamp's View

The view that there were certain features in the financial situation on which some satisfaction was justified was expressed by Lord Stamp at a Bristol War Weapons Week Luncheon.

The onset of inflation had been held back, he said, and the rise in prices was not much more than could be accounted for by increased real costs in shipping risks, A.R.P. and other war expenditure. Nevertheless the point of inflation was just round the corner.

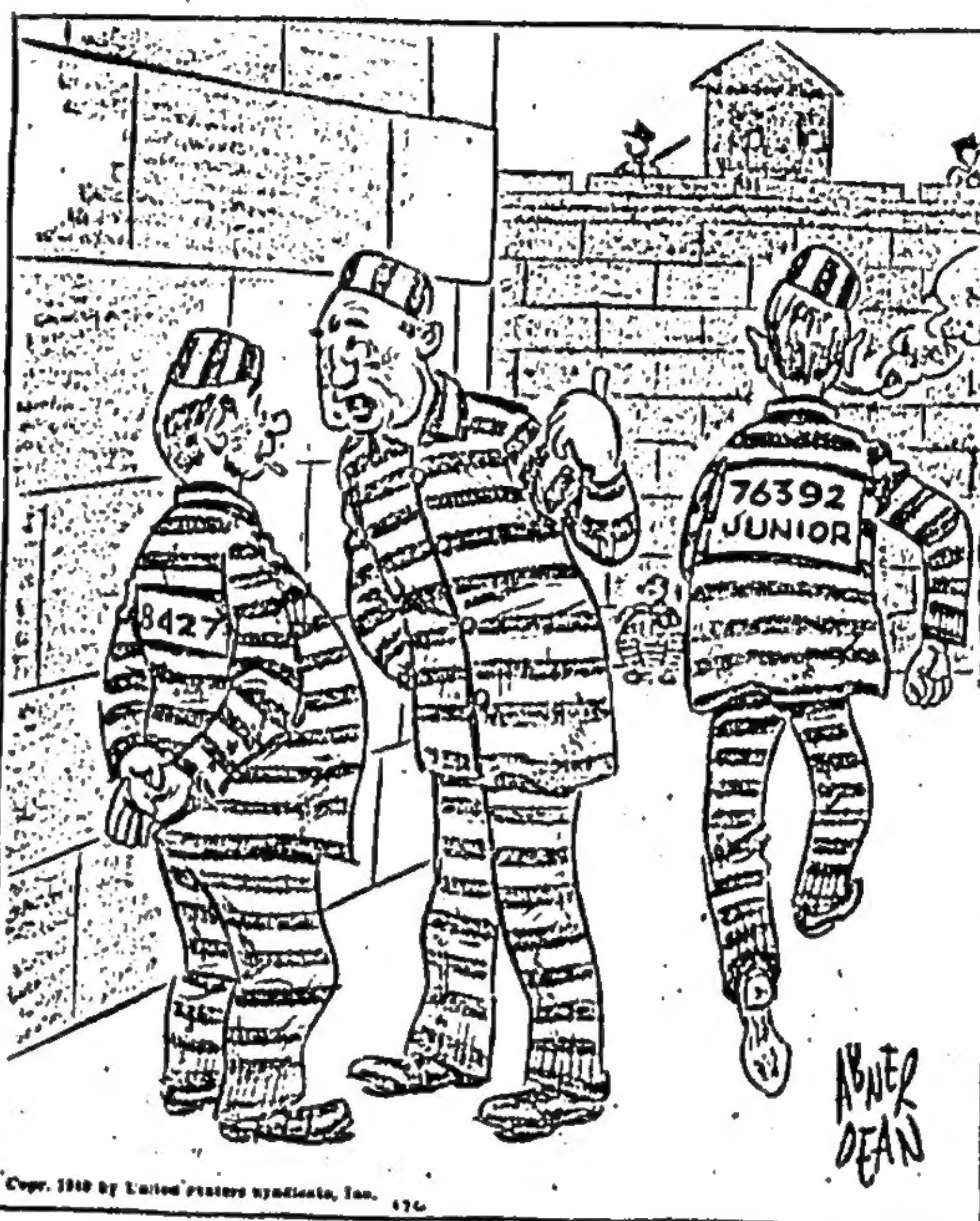
### Room For Improvement

Saying that there was considerable room for improvement in savings, Lord Stamp stated that there were wide differences between the contributions of various places, which showed that where the spirit was keen bigger results could be obtained.

"There is a lower rate per head in the larger towns of over 100,000 inhabitants than in the smaller ones," he noted, "and there are indications that the places suffering heavy air raid attacks have been slackening off less per head in their savings than others. This seems to show that a sense of danger stimulates action."

## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Remember Number 76392? ... well, that's his son!"

## 'Breadbasket' Wins Fame for Molotov

M. MOLOTOV, Premier and Foreign Commissar of Russia, has now achieved a niche in history.

Not because in his own country he is hailed as the genius of the Soviet pacts with Germany, Finland and the Baltic States, but because, like Maxim and Mills, his name is linked with a weapon of war—the "Molotov Breadbasket."

It is extremely unlikely that Molotov had anything to do with the "breadbaskets"—a container for one H.E. bomb and a number of incendiaries first used by the Russians against the Finns—but it is a story he will never be able to destroy.

### By J. D. S. ALAN

OTHERS who have given their names to engines of war really set out to invent them.

Sir Hiram Maxim, an Anglo-American, invented the first truly automatic machine gun in 1889.

Usually any complicated revolutionary device starts in a small way and is developed slowly over a number of years.

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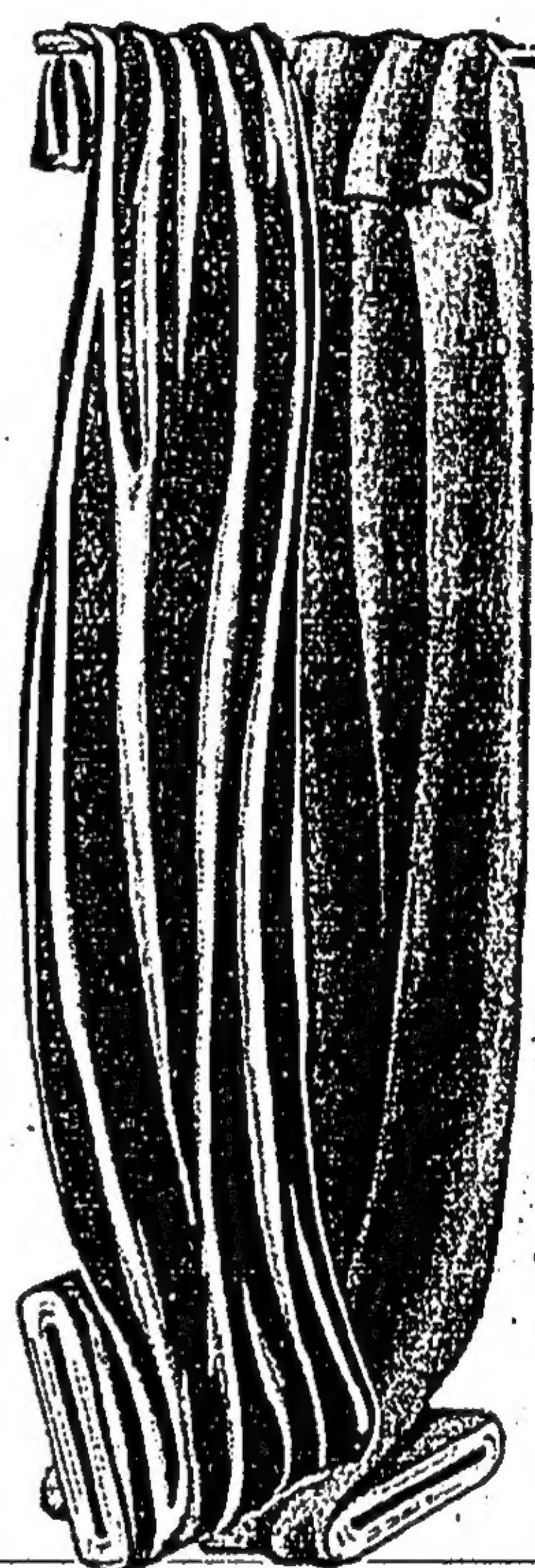
The Lewis gun is still immensely valuable as a light anti-aircraft gun.

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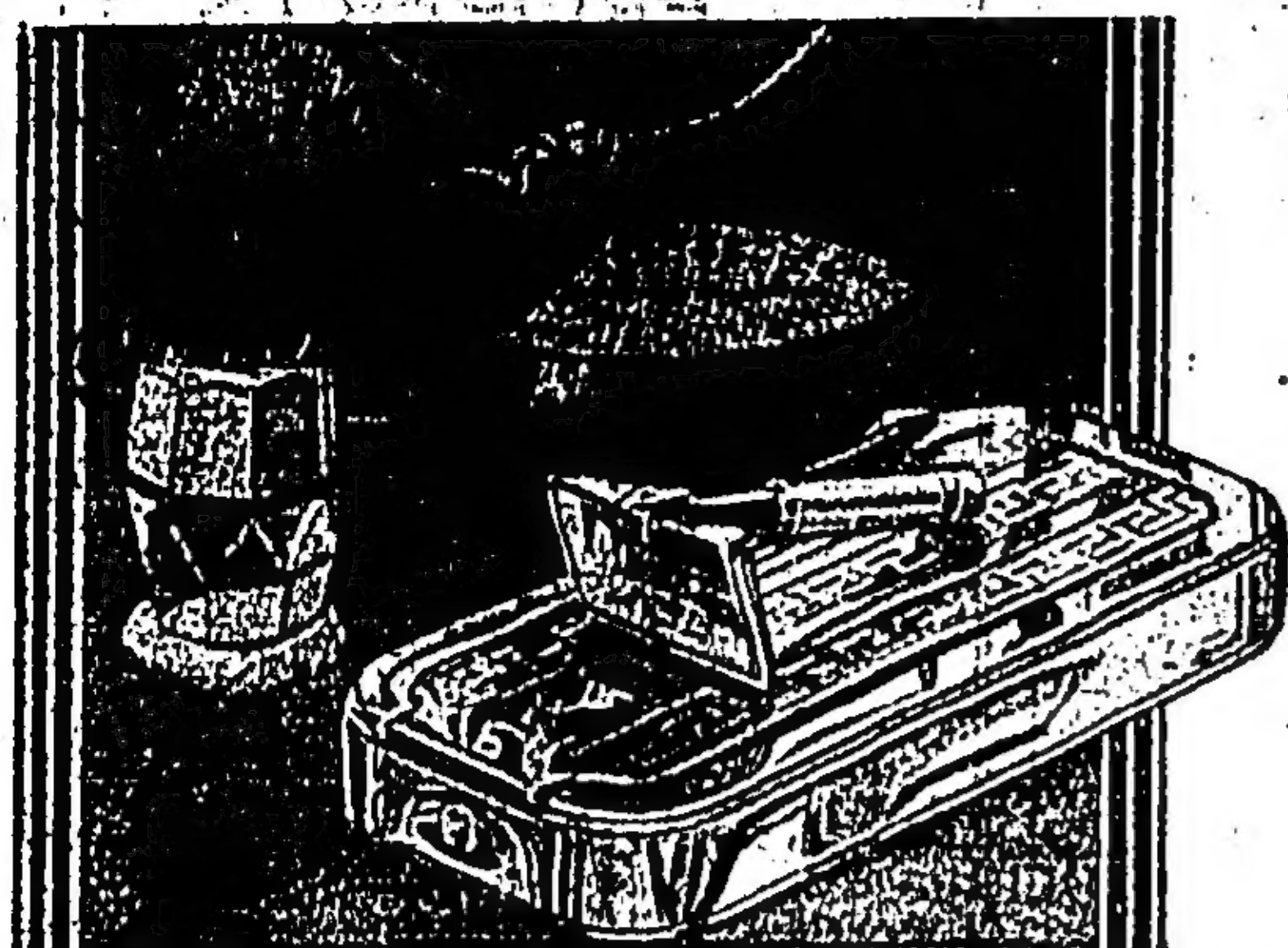
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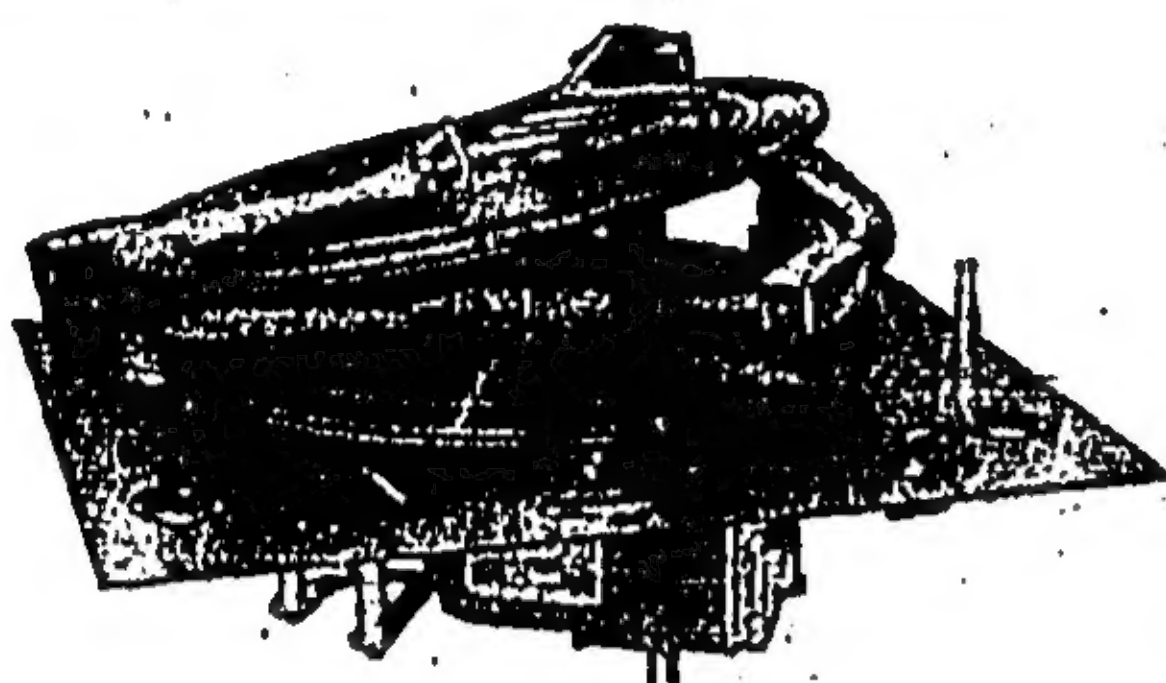
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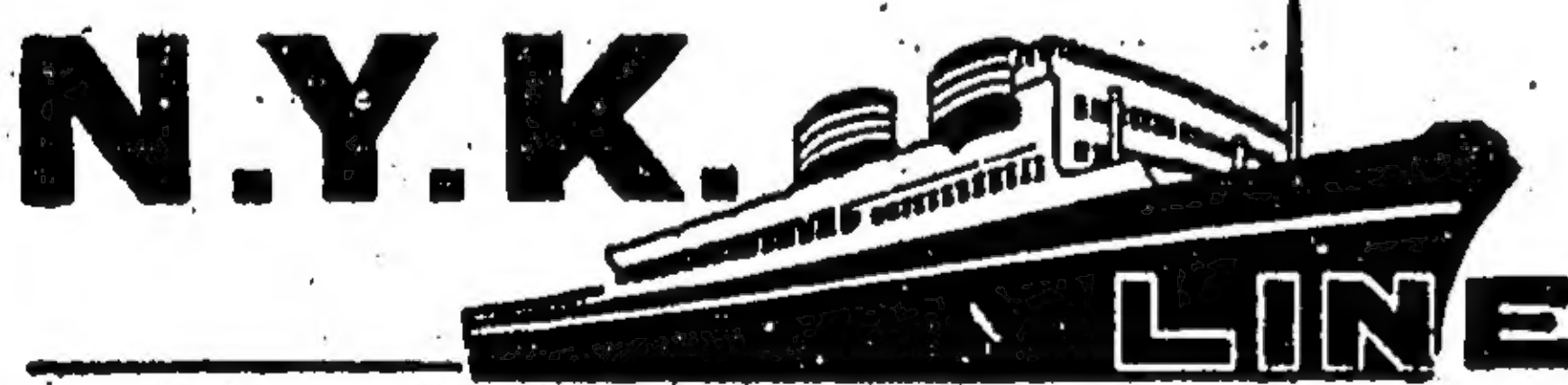


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**RE-MOULD THIS WORLD**

This is the season of re-birth, reincarnation, re-planning. A time to tear this old world apart and re-mould it nearer to the heart's desire. Side by side with the political and military revolutions that are being wrought in Europe and China, immense evolutions are taking place in the social order that calls itself democracy. These changes are likely to be so profound, so cataclysmic, that they will dwarf the physical conflict into nothingness and will, in all probability, justify for the first time the greatest war that this earth has known, to make one system of living safe for its adherents.

Some great brains have already given their attention to this aspect and their conclusions that a social change of the first order is already being worked out in Great Britain seems to be borne out by the evidence available. This war is the working man's war. He is not this time fighting for capitalist concessions in some foreign clime nor is he going to the front blinded by the lofty sentiments of some mob inspired misguiding by powerful financial interests.

To many people the fact that Britain is spending an average of £10,000,000 a day on self defence without suffering any radical depression in her standard of living, has come as a hint of what she could have achieved in time of peace to better the welfare of her poor and sick, to develop her colonies and to educate her people. The lower working classes who are sustaining the burden of this war by their heroic industry under constant bombardment will not fail to make their voice heard after the war is over. The sound of their voices will ring through the Empire and will find a ready echo in Australia and Canada. Whether the Colonies will feel the immediate benefit is a matter for speculation. Colonies have probably been one of the major causes of the war; their administration by Great Britain has been the most controversial issue in the Empire since it grew haphazardly and unorganised on the strength of the Royal Navy and on the credits of our pioneer merchants.

The Colonies are unfortunate in that they do not possess a large middle class of Europeans endowed with voting powers. The tangle and administrative end is overwhelming and there has never been an effective and prompt medium for expressing and remedying grievances. The Press has done its share but has been handicapped by the lack of a consistent body of opinion—for most Europeans their sojourn abroad is a temporary phase and they have not the incentive to take issue on matters they would not tolerate if they had to face them for a lifetime.

When reflection is made on the boundless void between the means and manner of living of Britons of the highest station and Britons of the lowest, there is amazement at the dexterity with which we have kept these sore spots out of contact with our consciences. When a man can

Over a year has passed since the Germans overpowered Poland. Having retained about half the country with a population of almost 23,000,000, they bisected it once more and annexed to the Reich one-half, with nearly 11,000,000 inhabitants, of whom only 600,000 were Germans, while the other was formed into the "General-Gouvernement" for the occupied Polish Territories. According to the decree of October 12, 1939, this was to constitute "the future settlements of the Polish nation."

The part incorporated in the Reich includes all territories which had been Prussian before 1918, a wide belt of what had been Russian, and a few ex-Austrian districts west of Cracow. Nearly half the land now annexed had never before belonged to the Reich.

The incorporated territory comprises the coalmines and metal and engineering works of Upper Silesia, Teschen, Dombrowa, and Sosnowiec, the textile centre of Lodz (renamed Litzmannstadt), and some of the richest food-producing regions of Poland.

Polish Upper Silesia and the adjacent districts have been joined to Prussian Silesia, and some scraps in the north to East Prussia; but the bulk, in the centre, has been formed into two new provinces or *Reichsgaue*—*Wartheland*, under the notorious Greiser, former President of the Danzig Senate, and *Danzig-Westpreussen*, under the still more notorious Forster, former *Gauleiter* of Danzig, who, even in the days of German-Polish "appeasement," used to talk of the Poles in the most contemptuous terms, "the mildest of which," says Rauschning, "was 'lice.'"

"It will be my glorious task in the next few years to obliterate all that speaks of Poland, whatever it may be," he declared at Bromberg on November 27, 1939, "Whoever belongs to the Polish nation has to leave the country."

### HITLER'S MEANING

"The mentality of the last century which thought it possible perhaps to make Germans of Poles and French, is foreign to us," Hitler had declared in the Reichstag on May 17, 1933. His meaning is now plain. Countries are to be Germanized by extirpating their

toss back a family's daily earnings in the form of a whisky soda; while healthy intelligent human beings are held back by poverty from physical and mental development, there is something grievously wrong.

Hospitals, sanitary services, education, poor laws, housing, agriculture, factory conditions, street arabs, prostitution, pilfering and innumerable other matters of public concern need attention imperatively. We have not stated yet what our war aims are; instinctively the working man has come to believe that better social conditions will result from this war. It is up to us not to disappoint him.

# POLAND under the GERMANS

population, not by a process of denationalisation.

Land in the annexed provinces owned by Poles has in principle been expropriated; their farms have been placed under control (Zwangsverwaltung, decree of February 12, 1940); and removal of the population has been taken in hand. A task of such magnitude naturally cannot be completed or even planned as a whole, nor do the Nazis tie their hands by clearly defined regulations. Deliberate vagueness leaves scope for arbitrary action. Their decrees frequently contain this characteristic clause: *Soweit. Vorschriften nicht unmittelbar angewendet werden können, sind sie stümmig anzuwenden* ("where regulations cannot be directly applied, action in their sense should be taken").

This extirpation started with the educated classes—big landowners, doctors, lawyers, teachers, priests, and the business men. The

were made to place in vans. These were detached before the train started.

### OF GERMAN ORIGIN

The farms, houses, and workshops of the deported Poles and Jews, complete with stock, tools, furniture, and even clothing and linen, are handed over to Germans, belauded in lyrical Press accounts as *brave, tatkräftige Menschen* ("decent, industrious men"). The local German "minority" receives its fill of loot and of audacious enjoyment, and its ranks are swelled by people who now choose to remember their German origin. Those of German extraction, however distant, who refuse to become *Volksdeutsche* are treated even worse than the Jews.

To the local Germans are joined "evacuees" from provinces occupied by the Bolsheviks. Some 70,000 from the Baltic States have gone mainly into the towns. Of the 75,000 from the late Ukrainian provinces of Poland, most have been settled in villages, largely east of the German frontier of 1914. Some further 160,000 are expected from Bessarabia and the Bukovina, but apparently none of the 2,000,000

## A year's wholesale exploitation, pillage, maltreatment and cruelty surveyed by a Special Correspondent

Polish population was to be deprived of its leaders. Thousands of them were executed in the first months of the occupation; tens of thousands have since been deported to the *General-Gouvernement*.

But soon expulsion was extended even to working classes. It was begun in October at Gdynia (renamed *Gotenhafen*) so as to cut off the Poles from the sea. Next came the town of Poznan. In time belts of villages were cleared of their Polish population. The Jews were everywhere treated with the greatest cruelty.

The evacuation is in the hands of Himmler and the Gestapo, and little that inhumanity can devise is thus spared the victims.

A few years ago Hitler started to train, in four *Ordensburgen*, a "knightly order" of super-Nazis. Some two hundred of these *Ordensjunker* were drafted for deportation work.

By March, 1940, about 700,000 Poles and Jews had been expelled; now their number exceeds 1,000,000. In the appalling cold of last January up to 10 trains a day left the annexed provinces with people herded together, mostly in cattle trucks. Transports are known to have been en route for as long as 18 days, and numbers of people froze to death. The survivors arrived stripped of their property at places where no provision had been made for them.

Almost worse than German cruelty is German humour. In certain cases the victims were paid compensation in Reich bank-notes withdrawn from circulation more than 10 years ago, and at Poznan the Jews entrained for Lubartow were allowed to take with them some of their belongings which they expected to suffice for the needs of

*General-Gouvernement*, but a strict hierarchy with regard to the distribution of food will regulate the incidence of hunger to suit the Nazi *Wohlanschauung*. The German Army comes first, then the S.S., the *Reichsdeutsche*, the *Volksdeutsche* after them the Poles, and last, if anything is left, the Jews.

The counterpart to economic destruction and exploitation is supplied by the treatment of Polish universities, institutes, libraries, and museums. They had their treasures either pilfered or deliberately destroyed so as to obliterate Poland's historic past and uproot her intellectual life. Here again German *bonhomie*, a mixture of obtuseness and perfidy, has shown itself to advantage. German scholars who had visited Polish academic institutions during the period of German-Polish cultural rapprochement now return to steal the treasures which they had been shown as guests, and expatriate if an object which had caught their fancy is missing.

During the period of "friendship," in February, 1936, the Nazi Minister Frank came to Warsaw and discoursed in glowing terms on German-Polish co-operation. This same Frank now presides over the *General-Gouvernement* at Cracow, Warsaw having been deliberately reduced to ruins a year ago. His administration is chaotic and does little honour to him and his assistants.

There are, in fact, three independent administrations—the civil government, staffed with officials of low quality. Governor Frank himself explained in an interview published in the *Westdeutscher Beobachter* on February 11, 1940:—

The Germans have coined a new term for defining the value of Civil servants in the *General-Gouvernement*: *Poleniensttauglich* ("suited to service in Poland"). It speaks of authority and comradeship. I don't care about a man's antecedents. All that matters is his performance.

### THE GERMAN VISTULA

At first the *General-Gouvernement* was apparently intended to become a protectorate under a puppet Government, but so far the Germans have failed to discover any Polish quislings, and on August 15, at a Nazi rally at Cracow, Frank made the following announcement:—

A few days ago the Führer determined—that henceforth the *Gouvernement* was not to be looked upon as occupied territory, but as an integral part of the Great-German power space. . . . No one shall in future find employment here who is not the strongest and most determined. National-Socialist. Here the party must prove its ability to secure for ever German domination over this country conquered by the German Armies. . . . The Vistula is henceforth a German river.

To convert Cracow into a worthy centre of "Adolf Hitler's Great-German Reich," Frank ordered the expulsion of Jews from the city. Otherwise the change from occupation to annexation was hardly felt, and it seems to have been primarily a hint given to Russia, a demonstration of the German will to build up her own strongholds in Eastern Europe.

Similarly the game now carried on with the Ukrainians is directed as much against Russia as against the Poles.

In Eastern Chelm, along the River San, and in the Carpathians, Poland under German occupation contains a certain number of Ukrainians. These now receive preferential treatment. Schools are opened for them, courses are held to train them for local government work; posts are provided for members of the Ukrainian *intelligentsia* who have fled from Bolshevism; the Greek Orthodox Church receives encouragement; national Ukrainian associations are founded and fostered.

Altogether in the scale of favours, the Ukrainians rank immediately after the Germans. It is further significant that the official Polish *Anti-Communist Intelligence Service* in Warsaw is, with the sole change of its director, kept working by the Nazis, who have taken care to preserve its archives, and to organise its

### THE GUESTS RETURN

In the *General-Gouvernement* factories work if their produce fits into the German scheme; otherwise their machinery is either transferred to Germany or scrapped for metal.

The Polish forests are to be "properly exploited" (decree of January 21, 1940). They are cut down without the least regard to rational forestry. Goring, the sportsman, in the past an honoured guest at many Polish shoots, sows his appreciation, Germans alone are henceforth allowed to shoot game in Poland.

This year's harvest is expected to suffice for the needs of



# POPE'S FIVE PRECEPTS FOR ENDURING WORLD PEACE

LONDON, DEC. 24 (REUTER).—THE SOLACE WE DERIVE FROM THE RICHES OF CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IS GREATER BECAUSE OF THE SAD TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE, SAID HIS HOLINESS THE POPE, IN A BROADCAST TO-DAY FROM THE VATICAN AFTER RECEIVING GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS.

"AS MEMBERS OF THE ROMAN CURIA," THE POPE ADDED, "YOU HAVE A DEEP-FELT UNDERSTANDING FOR THE HIGH MISSION IN WHICH YOU, EACH IN HIS OWN OFFICE AND DOMAIN, HAVE TO COLLABORATE AND PARTICIPATE."

Referring to the problems that will arise at the end of the war, "when people will be obliged to dedicate themselves to the task of repairing the deep-seated evil which will be their bitter social and economic heritage," the Pope said that nations will come to realise the need for the solution of social problems in a spirit of Christianity. "The world will leave the hard school of to-day with an improved mind. Mankind will listen to the voice of reason and of justice."

"Only in such a state of mind can the world proceed to the establishment of a new order based on justice."

## Five Peace Points

Saying that he wished to give a few precepts for the conclusion of a lasting peace, the Pope continued:

"We must strive for (1) victory over hatred, for grave damage is inflicted upon the human soul by a lack of love of Christ; (2) victory over lack of trust in international co-operation; (3) victory over the grim principle that force stands for right—that is, return of morality among nations; (4) victory over economic

divergences; (5) victory over egotism."

The Pope added: "We pray that men will grow more united to establish a new and just social and economic order. We pray that mankind will be liberated from their tribulations."

Before enunciating the five peace precepts, the Pope referred to war which, with tragic and almost fatal persistence, once let loose, proceeds on its way, forgetful of the principles of humanity and indifferent to the unages of convention of war, and goes to such extremes that an age less troubled than yours will one day note its events as among the saddest and darkest of the world's history."

"Our thoughts run forward anxiously to the moment when the sad chronicles of man, the sufferings of minds in anguish, of wounded prisoners and refugees, down-trodden, famished, fainting and weeping, come in their entirety to light. But what we know at present is already sufficient to oppress and tear the heart."

## Position Remains

Continuing the Pope said: "Exactly one year ago, in this very place were formulated certain principles regarded as essential for the preservation of peace which would conform to the principles of justice, equity and honour, and would thus be enduring. If the succeeding march of events has delayed their application to a more distant time, the self-same proposals have lost none of their intrinsic truth and conformity to reality and their moral force."

"To-day we find ourselves faced with a fact of some consequence as a symptom. From the impression of the polemics of the warring factions concerning their objectives in war and the ultimate peace settlement, there emerges ever more clearly in mind a quasi-universal opinion which contends that both pre-war Europe as well as its political structure are now undergoing a process of transformation of such a nature as to signal the dawn of a new era."

## New System Required

Europe and its system of states will not be as they were before. Something new and better, more advanced, more sound, freer and stronger, must replace the past order and eliminate the defects, weaknesses and deficiencies which are said to have been convincingly disclosed by recent events."

"Various parties differ in their ideals and aims but agree in their desire for a new arrangement, and do not consider possible or desirable a return to former conditions. With some clear knowledge of the defects of the present determined orientation towards a rearrangement that will safeguard the juridical basis of political and international life, no one can be surprised that this pulsating desire is felt more keenly by those larger sections that live by manual labour and so are always found, in peace and war, to taste more than others the bitter results of economic dislocation, internal and international. Still less will the Church be surprised."

## Role Of The Church

The Pope then explained that the Church could not be called on to favour one system more than another, but added that "in the orbit of the universal value of divine law," there was ample room for liberty of action and for the most varied forms of political opinion, while practical application of political systems largely depended on circumstances which, considered in themselves, were extraneous to the purpose and action of the Church."

The sole interest of the Church, he said, was to establish a society which would be humanly praiseworthy, spiritually elevating and a source of genuine good."

## Earthquake Shakes U. S. And Canada

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UP).—An earthquake was felt in the north-eastern part of the United States and southeastern Canada, from Montreal to New York City, and in Pennsylvania where houses and business buildings were shaken. There was no damage.

The seismologist at Fordham University said the quake was recorded at 8.44 a.m. E.S.T. and that the centre appeared to be about 320 miles north of New York, in the New England states.

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Hitler is spending Christmas among his troops in the west as he did last year, according to the German radio,

# SUDDEN DEATH OF COLONY SPORTSMAN

Norman Lee, Interport Swimmer

The death of Mr Norman Lee, former Colony swimming champion, occurred with tragic suddenness at the Kowloon Hospital in the early hours of Christmas morning. It was a great shock to his many friends.

The late Mr Lee was born in Birkenhead, England, 21 years ago, and came to Hongkong at an early age. He studied at both the Diocesan Boys' School and then Queen's College.

He leaves six brothers and a sister to mourn his passing. Though a keen sportsman he confined himself to swimming, and in this had represented the Colony. In 1938, the year following his capture of the local championship titles, he toured the South Seas in a very successful effort to raise money for the China War Relief Fund, and on that tour made a host of friends in Java, the Philippines and Singapore.

In 1939 he repeated this visit, during which he contracted the fever which struck him with such suddenness yesterday.

## The Funeral

The funeral was held at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday at 5 p.m. The Very Rev. Dean Wilson officiated.

The family mourners were the sister, Mrs B. C. Randall, the brothers, Frank, Tinker and Robbie, and Mr Randall, brother-in-law. The other brothers absent from the Colony are Capt. W. Lee, Stanley and George.

Owing to the suddenness of his death only a few of his many friends could be present; floral tributes were sent by Ada and Bessie, Will and May, Frank and Nellie, Robbie and Nora, Stanley and Ethel, Conkie and George, Eric, Gordon and Honor, Connie, Molly and Eddie, Vivienne and Mabel, Mr Shi Yu-man, Mr S. M. Churn and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maxwell and family, Mr and Mrs. Field, the Committee and Members of the Victoria Recreation Club.

# ITALIANS BLASTED BY R. A. F.

Planes Destroyed, Fires Started

CAIRO, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Four Italian aircraft were definitely destroyed by R.A.F. fighters on offensive patrols over the Bardia-Tobruk area yesterday, states an R.A.F. (Middle East) communique.

With regard to the attack on Benina on the night of December 22-23, it is now definitely established that one hangar at the aerodrome there was completely destroyed by fire and that three Italian aircraft on the ground near the hangar were burnt out.

In Italian East Africa, dive-bombing attacks were made on a pumping station near Asseb and the target was well-straddled with bombs. Reconnaissance flights were also made in this area and the Rhodesian attacks on Italian positions near Gallabat. Fires were started by explosions.

# South Africa Now Ready

General Smuts' Message

PRETORIA, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—General Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, addressed a confident message to the South African forces to-day.

"It has been a black year in human history," he said. "But, thank God, the tide at last is turning."

In the unprepared state of South Africa's defences, it had been a year of preparation. General Smuts continued that preparations were now completed and the time for action would come in the new year.

General de Gaulle, returning thanks for the gift, emphasised the need for unity at the present time.

How Hitler Spent Christmas

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—BERLIN, Dec. 24 (UP).—The official German news agency reports that Hitler, as last year, is spending Christmas at the front with his soldiers and front workers.

Another report says that Goering, the Air Commander, is "personally giving the children of each German flyer who has been killed in the war a Christmas gift of 1,000 marks to be put into a savings account which, with interest, will remain in the bank until the child is 21 years of age. Exceptions, such as for girls with dowries, are provided."



THE LATE MR N. LEE

# Thakhek Is Shelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HANOI, Dec. 24 (UP).—On Monday and Tuesday afternoons Thailand artillery fired 22 shells on Thakhek. At Hinhoun, north of Thakhek, rifle fires damaged some junks last Monday.

# Cunningham's Reception

MALTA, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Great crowds cheered the arrival here recently of the British Fleet, including the flagship flying the flag of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, who met spontaneous ovations wherever he went. Scenes of wild enthusiasm were witnessed at the dockyard when he made a tour of inspection and his car was frequently stopped by wildly-cheering crowds.

Thanking the people, Sir Andrew said: "I have nothing to deserve all these cheers. You should cheer yourselves."

Assab Bombed

ADEN, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. on Monday night bombed Assab, the objective being a pumping station. All bombs fell within the target area.

# French Leader Honoured

London Ceremony

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Free Frenchmen and French women have presented General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, with a sword of honour as an expression of their loyalty and respect.

The ceremony took place in the Overseas Club in London and as General de Gaulle entered the room the "Marseillaise" was played while French African troops presented arms.

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# DISMAY IN LIBYA

Troops' Morale Very Low

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The dismay and uncertainty caused in Libya by the British offensive are described in the newspaper, "Vradyny," by a Greek who escaped from Benghazi a few days ago. The inhabitants of Tobruk and Derna were fleeing south as refugees and the native population were already discussing possible Italian capitulation.

The morale of the native troops he described as very low, chiefly because nine-tenths of the thousands of wounded coming from the Sollum region were natives.

He quoted a report that a whole Askari regiment stationed in the southern sector of the Libyan frontier had broken up and disappeared in the desert.

When the Greeks left Benghazi, no Italian convoys had arrived for a fortnight, which was greatly worrying the authorities as supplies by plane were far from adequate.

# Roosevelt's Christmas Message

Striving For A Better World

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Most human beings want a "peaceful chance to better the world in a voluntary way and not in the way imposed by conquest," President Roosevelt declared in his annual Christmas greeting to the people of the United States.

The President further declared: "We must keep on striving for a better world. It is unintelligent to be a defeatist. Crisis may beget crisis but progress underneath does not wholly halt. It does go forward."

This cannot be a merry Christmas, the President added, for those of mature years but it can be a "happy Christmas if by happiness we mean that we have done with doubts, that we have set our hearts anew, that we still believe in the golden rule of all mankind."

# Boundless Admiration

N. Zealand's Message

WELLINGTON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—An assurance of the boundless admiration with which New Zealand regards the heroic attitude of the British people is contained in a cable from Mr Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister, conveying greetings to Mr Winston Churchill.

The message says: "We are deeply conscious of our great debt to the British people and the armed forces of the Commonwealth for their untiring efforts on land, sea and air, and to the men of the mercantile marine."

"We have full confidence that the united efforts of the British Commonwealth will result in victory, and we will continue to do our utmost to contribute to the common task."

# "Black-out" In Holy Land

Christmas Gloom

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Bethlehem is having its first "black-out" Christmas in history.

Even the Church of Nativity and the old St. Christmas Church are wrapped in a collective gloom instead of being a blaze of triumphant lights as is the custom on peaceful Christmas Eves.

The traditional bonfire in fields where shepherds still watch their flocks by night must this year be put out early lest it guide raiders.

This conformity to regulations, however, will not prevent sheep being roasted before the fire as in past years and the watchlight service in the Church of Nativity.

Jerusalem has been a cosmopolitan city for over 1,900 years but to-day it has now a cosmopolitanism of armed men from the British Empire, Free France, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

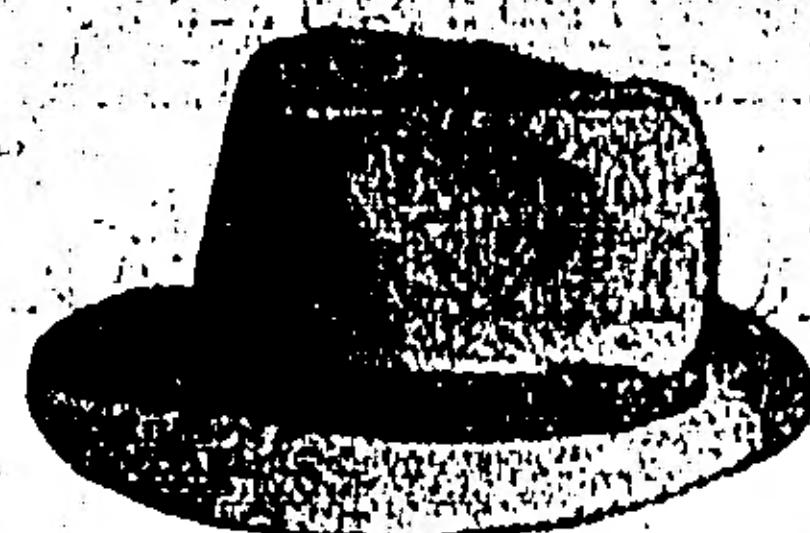
# GERMAN CLAIMS Ships Sunk In Channel

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The German High Command asserts that during a raid by German motor torpedo boats towards the coast of England, the leading craft sank a 10,000-ton British tanker and a 6,000-ton cargo steamer despite the protection of six British destroyers.

The High Command communique adds that a short close-range engagement developed between the torpedo boats and the destroyers. All the German craft returned safely.

The communique declared that six ships in Loch Linnhe, on the Scottish west coast, were hit by heavy bombers, that trains were machine-gunned, and that during Monday night, London and Manchester were attacked by strong formations of the Luftwaffe.

British raids on Germany are stated to have done only slight damage in south-west frontier districts.



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## "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

### Positions For Umpires To Note During Progress Of Game

#### Co-operation Between Controlling Officials

THE POSITIONING of an umpire during the progress of a game is of greatest importance, and of the infringements that require greatest attention, off-side is foremost. By Rule 12 (b), no attacker can be off-side if there are three opponents nearer their own goal-line when the ball is hit or rolled to him.

For this infringement, then, counting from the goal-line, an umpire should station himself opposite or nearly opposite the third defender. From there one can see almost at once whether a player is off-side or not.

As the attack approaches the goal, keep well out of the way of the players, and be, if necessary, just outside the ground if the ball is close to the touch-line.

If the attack has reached the 25-yard area on the opposite half, move in to where the circle joins the goal-line, as, from the touch-line, one cannot get a clear enough view of the far edge of the circle, and by being near the goal-line one can also see if the ball crosses that line or not.

Players to watch chiefly at this moment are the two outside forwards. These are most likely to get off-side than at any other.

#### Co-operation With Colleague

THE Umpires' Association make it a point of appointing disinterested umpires, and these should realise that they are present not to perform separate tasks but to do one task conjunctively. Do not be surprised, therefore, if your colleague gives a decision in your half when a breach of the rules has happened near him or when he knows that you were unsighted.

There are umpires who take it as a personal affront if a penalty is given in their half, and think that the quality of their umpiring is being questioned. They fail to realise that no man can see everything.

Be careful, however, not to award a penalty in the other half if the other umpire is in a better position to see, for he has probably seen the incident but is putting the "advantage" rule into play. A frequent case of obviously correct co-operation is when a player is running away from one umpire towards the other and stoops down to stop the ball with his hand. His feet and legs are between the ball

### Recreio Surprise R.E.'s In League Encounter

#### Recreio 3 R. Engineers 1

CLUB DE RECREIO surprised supporters, too, on Sunday when in their League encounter with the Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo they were successful by three goals to one. Sappers were not at full strength, and suffered their first defeat of the season.

### NO RATED CHALLENGER FOR LOUIS

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 25 (UP).—The quarterly rating of the National Boxing Association have placed Joe Louis as Heavyweight champion with the notation—"none available"—in the column wherein the logical contenders are normally listed.

Max Baer, Arturo Godoy and Red Burman are rated the outstanding heavyweights, and Abe Simons, of New York, is regarded as a likely opponent for Louis next March.

Billy Conn, who announced yesterday that he planned to relinquish the light-heavyweight title before meeting Joe Louis in June, is still listed as light-heavyweight champion.

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### Random Jottings

#### Sticks Condemned By Local Umpire

A FEW WEEKS ago I answered a query about illegal sticks, and I am glad to hear that a certain umpire before a match last Sunday tested and condemned two sticks. The players concerned were rather surprised to find that their sticks could not pass through a two-inch ring, and this even without any binding, etc.

It will be interesting to note how local sports dealers will react to the fact, as it is presumed that every stick is correctly tested before it leaves the factory. Whether these sticks will be substituted for legal ones remains to be seen.

I HAVE had several requests recently from players for my articles on hockey published last season. As these demands have been greater than anticipated, I shall endeavour to repeat them at the beginning of the new year.

My first will be the explanation of the "Obstruction Rule" and possibly enthusiasts will file them for future reference.

NOMADS caused a mild surprise last Saturday when they defeated the Punjab Regiment in a League fixture on the Marine ground. It was a splendid effort for the Nomads, as previous to this the Punjab had defeated the Royal Engineers in the Large Units Tournament.

It was unfortunate that the Royal Engineers were without the services of two of their best players—Croston and Toomey—when they were defeated by Recreio during the week-end.

Due to this defeat, there are now only two unbeaten teams, namely, Police "A" and Recreio.

It is too early to nominate the champions, as these teams have yet to meet some of the best in the League, who have only suffered one reverse.

With regard to the stronger teams, the positions are becoming more interesting than ever.

TEAMS in the Colony will be glad to hear that Macao is only too anxious to meet them in week-end fixtures. It is true that the University, one of the weakest sides in the League, were easily defeated recently, but it would be interesting to observe how one of our first five teams in the League would fare against our next door neighbours.

Sappers' attack, but with Holmberg and Denyer, found the Recreio defence too solid to penetrate. The home team, however, were best served in defence. Dobson made some great saves, and Taylor, Bowling and Marriot had every reason to be satisfied with their day's work.

### H.K.H.A. Tournament League Table

THE FOLLOWING are the positions in the Hongkong Hockey Association League Table to date:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Khaksa	6	5	—	1	20	4	10
5th A.A. By.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R. Engineers	5	4	—	1	10	0	8
Police "A"	4	4	—	—	17	2	8
Recreio	4	4	—	—	13	2	8
Police "B"	4	4	—	—	2	7	8
R. Signals	7	3	—	4	11	13	6
C.D.A.	6	3	—	3	18	11	6
Nomads	6	3	—	3	18	11	6
A.N. Others	8	3	—	5	17	14	6
Gunboats	6	2	—	4	9	13	4
5th A.A. By.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
"I"	5	2	—	3	8	14	4
Punjab	4	2	—	2	7	6	4
University	8	1	—	7	5	34	2
2nd M.T.D.'s	5	1	—	4	6	24	2
Destroyers	4	—	—	4	—	12	—

## Scotland Rally To Win

### China Eliminated From International Cup Competition 6-5

(By "SCRAMBLER")

IN A GAME fraught with thrills and excitement, Scotland staged a magnificent rally yesterday at Boundary Street in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup to snatch a last minute victory from the all-powerful Chinese team by the odd goal in eleven, after trailing at the interval by four goals to one.

Credit must be given to both teams for the excellent display given, for it had been a long time since such a match was seen. From start to finish there was not a dull moment; thrills and excitement galore were there in plenty. Contrasting greatly with the form shown by the Scottish team, the Chinese settled down immediately, and it was during the first ten minutes of the game, when the Scots were beginning to find their feet, that the Chinese scored two quick goals.

Playing with ten men for the first five minutes of the game, the Chinese went about their work methodically, and it was not long before they drew first blood. From a centre by Chung Yung-sum, Hsu Ching-tau cut in to score with a rising shot that gave Banker no chance. After this, Lau Hin-hon put in an appearance.

Scheming with perfect understanding, Fung King-cheung set the team in motion, and after a bout of close passing, the ball was swung to the outside right, whose centre was headed in by Hsu Ching-tau. Returning to the attack, the Scots had bad luck as a powerful long range shot taken by Falconer was tipped over the bar by Lau Hin-hon.

SCOTS SETTLED After this, the Scots settled down to good team play, but the weakness of Clark at left half allowed Chung Yung-sum too much room to roam about. Play alternated to some extent, and in a foul kick taken by Garrie, Howlett rushed in to reduce the Scots' arrears with a low shot.

Immediately after, the Scots should have equalised as a powerful shot by Hossack struck the cross bar and rebounded into play. The Chinese left half was not as steady as the right, so Ng Kee-cheung and Tsang Chung-yan found Howlett and Garrie a handful to watch. The Chinese kept up a cracking pace and gave the Scots' defenders a trying time as their machine-like movements had the Scots running all over the field. In one of their raids, Fung King-cheung scored a nice goal, receiving the ball from Chung Yung-shan. The same player was responsible for the Chinese fourth goal, when after going through on his own, he pushed the ball to Lai Shui-wing who had only to tap the ball into an empty net, as Banker had advanced to meet him.

REjuvenated TEAM With three goals behind them, the Scots put up an excellent exhibition of rugged and determined play in the second half, and gave the Chinese their turn of worrying. Spectators were keyed to fever pitch during this half, as after the Scots had equalised and had taken the lead, the Chinese came back with a last minute rush to equalise.

Right from the restart, Hossack went through on his own and, after evading two players, scored with a hard drive which Lau Hin-hon had no chance to stop. Banker, at the other end, saved a hot shot with his foot from Fung King-cheung, and Lee Wai-long's efforts in trying to go through on his own were frustrated by the watchful pair of backs. At this period, Howlett came into the picture, and by his following up of every shot scored his "hat-trick." His rushes were a constant source of anxiety to the Chinese.

The Chinese at this period were being kept at bay, and in one of the Scots' raids, Howlett was instrumental in reducing the score when he rushed in to bundle the ball into the net during a scrimmage. A penalty given against the Chinese for a foul by Hsu Yung-sung, and the resultant kick taken by Hossack was ably stopped by Lau Hin-hon. The Scots refused to be discouraged, as play went on, the players improved, and by now they were having a grip on the game.

A corner taken by Garrie was headed in by Howlett, and Lau Hin-hon did well thereafter to clear his charges as shots were rained on him.

### Home League Football Results

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Home League football matches played today:

North	South
Blackburn R.	0 Preston N.E.
Bradford C.	0 Huddersfield
Wrexham	0 Chester
Bury	0 Halifax
Chesterfield	0 Rotherham
Doncaster	0 Lincoln
Grimby	0 Hull
Leeds	0 Bradford
Liverpool	0 Everton
Sheffield U.	0 Barnsley
Southport	0 Sheffield W.
Tranmere	2 N. Brighton
	1 Crewe
Bournemouth	0 Bristol C.
Brentford	2 Queen's P.R.
Northwich	0 Brighton
Crystal Pal.	0 Charlton
Southend	0 Clapton
Chelsea	0 Exeter
Northampton	0 Notts C.
Notts F.	0 Aldershot
Reading	1 Southampton
Bournemouth	1 Cardiff
Swansea	0 Midwilt
Tottenham	0 Birmingham
Walsley	2 Luton
Walsley	0 Arsenal
West Ham	0 Northampton
	4 Watford

### Rugby League At Home

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Christmas Day Rugby League fixtures:

Bradford	27 Bramley
Castleford	4 Wakefield
Dewsbury	8 Featherstone
Huddersfield	8 Halifax
Hull	13 Hunslet
Leeds	28 Batley
Liverpool	5 Warrington
Wigan	12 Salford
York	20 Kelgley

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The Cottage Club paper hunt for the President's Cup was won by Robin Blake. Second was Mr. Van Ryberg, who ran the winner a very close finish.

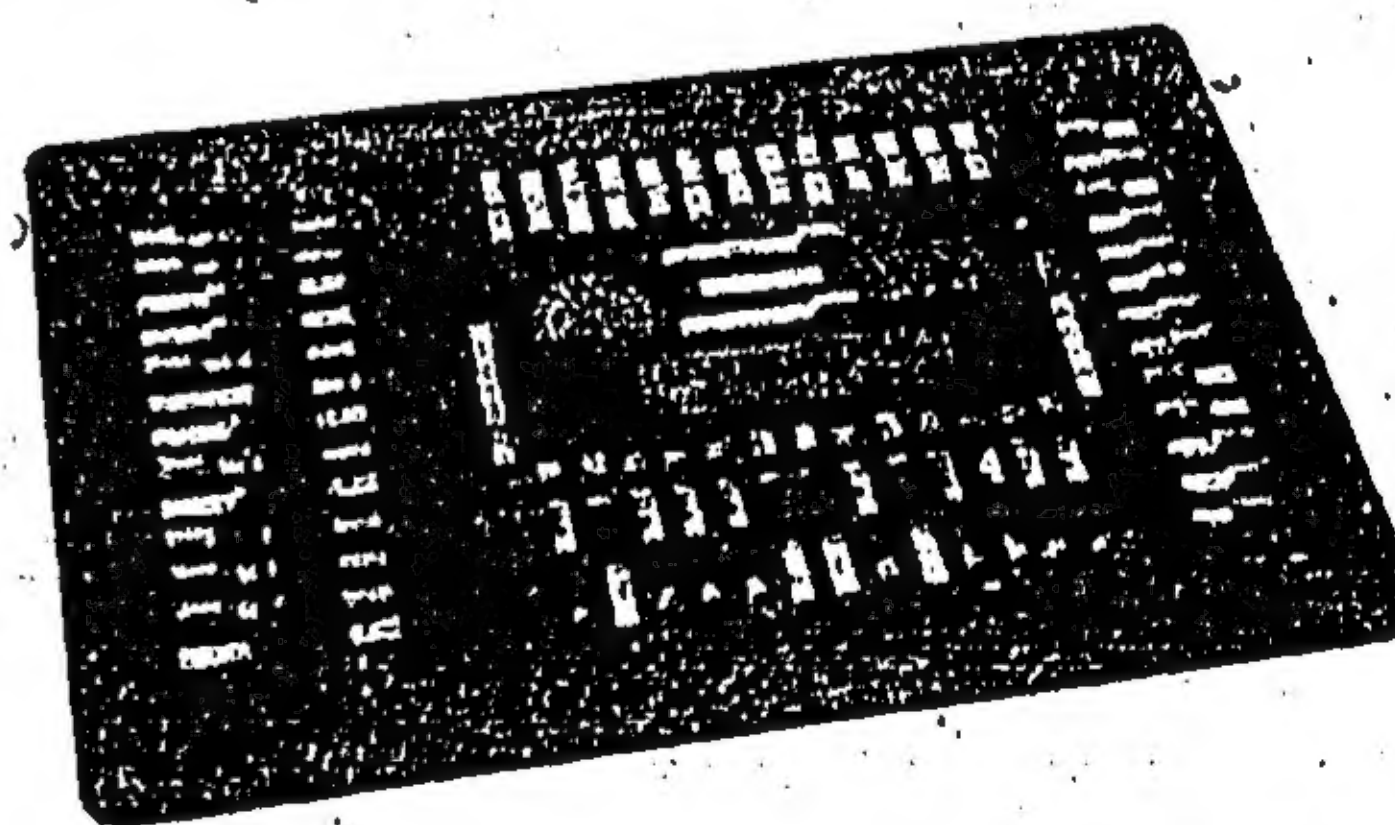
Up to the last moment the hunt was completely in the hands of Miss Kild de Chaffoy, who had the frightfully bad luck of being bumped off the course in the last 50 yards and her pony did not finish the race between the flags.

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## Thailand Premier Friendly To Britain

BANGKOK, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Warm appreciation of Britain's friendship and watchful interest in Japan's "new order" in East Asia were expressed by the Thai Premier Luang Biplu Songram in an interview with "Reuter's" correspondent in which the Premier voiced Thailand's readiness to negotiate with France on the Indo-China dispute.

Wearing a military uniform, the Premier received the correspondent in the red-and-gold drawing room of his heavily guarded palace. On a table at his elbow stood an elegantly framed photograph of King George VI. The Premier, wearing a military uniform, and His Majesty's warrant appointing the Premier Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Luang Biplu Songram cordially affirmed that Thailand's relations with Britain were of an extremely smooth character mentioning as an instance of this, the recent speedy and amicable settlement of a boundary dispute. From this he drew the assumption that Britain sympathized with Thai claims against Indo-China. The Prime Minister said that Thailand was prepared to shake hands with France to-morrow and to forget the 75-year-old feud connected with a territory of half a million square miles gradually annexed by France and now called Indo-China on condition that two small bits of thinly-populated territory, this side of the Mekong River were retroceded, thus giving Thailand a natural frontier.

### Military Pact

Incidentally, he mentioned that on the eve of the outbreak of war France sought a military pact with Thailand. This latter declined to enter into a pact to maintain her neutrality. The Prime Minister added that Thailand was interested in Japan's "new order" in East Asia and would study it carefully as she had trade and other relations with Japan but her first concern would always remain the maintenance of an independent existence.

## HAAKON'S BROADCAST No Real Christmas In Norway

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—"A proper Christmas cannot be celebrated by Norwegians in a Norway in chains," declared King Haakon in a broadcast to his countrymen from London.

Devoting much of the broadcast to the unarmed civil war now going on in Norway, King Haakon said that this civil war was most painful to him. More than ever it was important that a united people should stand together in a will to self-maintenance.

Referring to the seamen of Norway and Norwegians who had volunteered for military service abroad, King Haakon expressed the thanks of himself and the Royal Family for the sympathy shown to them and concluded with the prayer, "God bless our dear Fatherland!"

### Quiltings On Spot

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The Quilting Party in Norway has been given a time limit by the Germans within which it must show that it is capable of uniting the Norwegians, according to a dispatch to the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Party is, therefore, considering desperate means of intensifying propaganda, and threats as well as rewards are being used for securing members.

The agency adds that circular letters and statements issued by the Party show how difficult it is to obtain the new members desired.

## Hess Boasts: "Nazi Victory Is Certain"

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, speaking from a bomber aerodrome to-day, broadcast a Christmas message to Germans at home and abroad in which he assured them of the "certainty of a German victory." Hess added: "We all know, and above all, the enemy knows, that Germany even to-day has not yet reached the culminating point of her strength in carrying out this fight." Marshal Goering also sent a Christmas message to the German air force thanking them for their courage and initiative.

## Growth Of War Fund

A total of \$1,516,600.01 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd., with the following donations:

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The following donations to the War Fund were received "In lieu of Christmas Cards"	
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## CHOLERA Precautions Still Necessary

The Medical Authorities stress the need for precautions to be taken in connection with food and drinks owing to the existence of a number of persons in the population carrying the cholera germ.

Recently, three cases of cholera occurred in one tenement building in Kennedy Town.

On examining the twenty-five immediate contacts with the patients, five were found to be cholera carriers.

Uncooked vegetables and bruised fruit, and shell fish from possibly infected locations should not be eaten.

Insistence on cleanliness in the preparation and serving of food is desirable. Food should be protected from flies and other insects which should be exterminated. Close attention should, also, be paid to the satisfactory collection of refuse and human wastes.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Tuesday, says: Little interest was taken in the market to-day, however the under-tone remained comparatively steady.

### Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$74  
Canton Ins. \$200  
Union Ins. \$400  
H.K. Fire Ins. \$187.00  
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Entertainments \$7  
Constructions "O" \$1.00

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Wharves \$95  
Hotels \$3.70  
Trans \$18  
Daily Farms \$19.25

## Greeks Advance Towards Valona

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sons, wounding 15 and causing heavy damage to an aerodrome.

### Rough Treatment

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The Italian Sienna division used for invading Greece came in for rough treatment in the hands of the Greeks in the three days' battle before the capture of Chlmaria.

This division is alleged by the Greeks to have committed a number of atrocities and to have carried off hostages when forced to retreat across the Kalugus River in the early days of the campaign.

Three Blackshirt divisions, according to latest reports from the front, also suffered badly in the great attack on Chlmaria.

Attempts by Italian planes to aid their troops were unsuccessful and Greek artillery, also out-shelled the Italians.

The road from Mount Borsi, a few miles east of Chlmaria, to the town itself is reported to be strewn with bodies of soldiers and war material of all kinds.

### Drive To Valona

ATHENS, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The Greeks have made fresh advances and are driving towards Valona, an official spokesman states. The Italians are retreating to the north-west from Chlmaria.

The Greeks have also continued to advance to the north-east of Chlmaria and have occupied new positions. Further inland, a point of great strategic importance has fallen to the Greeks operating north and east of Premeti.

### Eight Guns Taken

ATHENS, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—A Greek communiqué states that during local fighting two made a number of prisoners and captured eight guns and numerous material.

### Importance of Chlmaria

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The triumphal Greek entry into the Adriatic coastal town of Chlmaria, which is not only an important milestone on the way to Valona, last of two remaining Albanian ports in Italian hands, but also was on the extreme right wing of what the Italians had planned to be the line of resistance from the coast to Lake Ochrid—was made on Sunday.

This latest in the now long list of Greek victories starting with Koriza is particularly significant, not only strategically but to the Greek nation.

### Old Greek Connection

Chlmaria is inhabited by a purely Greek population and was occupied together with the surrounding country of Northern Epirus by the Greek Army after the second Balkan war in 1913. But the Great Powers at the Conference of Florence decided that Northern Epirus should be included in the independent Albanian State.

The Greeks accepted the settlement but the inhabitants of the region themselves raised a banner of revolt under Captain Spyromillos with the result that finally Northern Epirus, with Chlmaria as the capital, was granted autonomy within Albania with the right to raise its own armed force and to make Greek the official language.

Greek troops found the town devastated, the Italians having destroyed everything they could not carry off. The road leading to Chlmaria was strewn with Italian dead.

The military material abandoned by Italians in their flight was sufficient to equip three divisions.

### War of Deliverance

ATHENS, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The Greeks can celebrate Christmas with their heads high, for the war they have been forced into as the result of Italy's aggression "is not a war of conquest but of deliverance," writes M. Vekiaris, Director of the Athens news agency, in the newspaper, "Ethnos."

He refers to Mussolini as an "oppressor, knowing nothing of love and taking his stand on hate," and adds that "the enemy hypocritically calls himself Christian, yet he is striking at Christ with the same dagger with which he is striking at Greece, for he who breaks Christ's law of peace strikes Christ himself."

"There are, however, many Italians against whom Il Duce uttered threats in his speech on November 18, who are friends of Greece and justice."

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## Hearst's Views On Duce

### Good Chest For Medals

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—"It is only natural to wonder whether Mussolini, despite his rather distinguished career, is not something of a four-flusher himself—like Louis Napoleon, all gold braid, cockfeathers and horse feathers," writes William Randolph Hearst, caustically in his newspapers.

"That chest seems just made for medals, and that chin! Well, we all know what happens when a man continually leads with his chin. You have got to have something other than a chin to be a real leader."

### Scripps-Howard Press

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Editorials in the Scripps Howard newspapers say: "We would hate to be in Mussolini's spot right now; for Churchill has all the art which made the Roman citizen turn on the Brutus they had cheered only a few minutes before and cry, 'Burn, fire, slay!'"

"This latter-day synthetic Caesar may end up about as popular with the multitude as did Brutus after Anthony got rough with him in their oratorical contest."

## Sing War Songs For Carols

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day of this evening although there were minor sporadic raids on two provincial towns.

It is reported that a new method for dealing with Nazi night raiders has been devised, and has won some success.

### Coast Town Suffers

AT A SOUTH COAST TOWN, Dec. 24 (UP).—There was widespread destruction and many were made homeless in the air raid last night. The working class district in the poorest part of town was the worst sufferer when scores of bombs were dropped there which rendered several of the streets uninhabitable. So far as is known, six are dead and numerous others injured.

### Berlin Instructions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP).—According to the German Embassy, Berlin has instructed the German air force not to bomb Britain on Christmas Day or December 26 unless they are "compelled to retaliate" for British attacks on Germany.

## LATE NEWS

## Nazis Pouring Into Rumania

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (Demos).—Miles of Nazi Army trains are passing through Hungary into Rumania indicating a possible vast Nazi offensive in the Balkans this winter, according to the "Associated Press" report from Bucharest.

It is learned that the Nazis plan to move 1,160 trains by December 31 and military experts estimated that a minimum of 300,000 additional Nazi soldiers with full equipment, including artillery and motorized vehicles, will be transferred to Rumania within a month.

It is recalled that 100,000 Nazi troops are already in Rumania. The report says that the movement has caused great excitement in diplomatic circles in the Balkans who are speculating whether Germany is, firstly, planning a move against Greece and Turkey; secondly, preparing for "an inevitable showdown" with Russia; thirdly, trying to assure civil order in Rumania, and fourthly, staging part of the general game of bluff against Russia.

## Churchill's Speech Reactions

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Italian people has provoked angry comment from the German official news agency, which describes it as the "desperate act of a man who has lost his lucidity of mind."

Alleging that the Prime Minister is ignorant of the psychology of a totalitarian state, the agency says: "He has grasped nothing of the outlook of Germany and Italy, which are politically and militarily an invincible block of power unequalled by any alliance of former times."

### Stings Axis

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden was obviously behind

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE RELATIVES of the late Mr. Morrison of Leo wish to thank their friends for messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent bereavement.

Mr. Churchill's broadcast to Italy, declares the official "Diplomatische Correspondenz" to-day.

The newspaper urges that "Apart from the identity of their philosophy, the unbreakable union of the German and Italian people, ordered by fate, consists in a clear realization that they will win their place in the sun." "Mr. Churchill in desperation may twist and turn in all directions but the unalterable aim of the Axis remains to liberate their common living ways from British control."

## Wilhelmina Confident

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Having followed the course of events with tense attention, I believe myself to be in a position to tell you that in recent months prospects have greatly improved. "We face the future with even greater confidence in ultimate victory than before," said Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands in a broadcast this evening to her people in the Netherlands East and West Indies.

## Christmas In Tubes

### Londoners Make Merry

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The Army forgot the serious business ahead for a brief spell to have its biggest "blow-out" of the year—turkey, pork and beef dinner washed down with beer—while those who passed Christmas in London's "tubes" spent the time in carol-singing and and gaiety in gaily-decorated underground shelters.

Boys and girls laid out their stockings on Christmas Eve on station platforms where Santa Claus found and filled them.

In one tube shelter on Christmas night, girls in party frocks danced with their partners to music from violin and piano after presents had been distributed to the children from a big Christmas tree.

## Japan-Thailand Treaty

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friendly contract in order to exchange information and to consult each other on any question of common interest that may arise.

"Article 3. In the event of one of the high contracting parties suffering from an attack from any third Power or Powers, the other party undertakes not to give aid or assistance to the party attacked, and to assist against the party attacked."

"Article 4. The present treaty shall be ratified and the ratifications thereof shall be exchanged at Bangkok as soon as possible."

"Article 5. The present treaty shall come into effect on the date of the exchange of ratifications and shall remain in force for five years from that date. In case neither of the high contracting parties shall have given notice to the other six months before the expiration of the said period of five years of its intention to terminate the treaty, it shall continue to operate until the expiration of one year from the date on which either party shall have given such a notice."

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## Inflation Looms In Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Reu-  
ter).—Officials of the Bank  
of Japan moved to check the  
continued inflationary trend  
when that institution opened  
this morning.

The total note issue, which  
is a new high record, reached  
¥4,405,000,000 on Decem-  
ber 24. In the meantime  
loans outstanding had reach-  
ed ¥685,000,000.

This demand for loans is  
attributed to the need for  
funds to pay dividends and  
also the lag in government  
payments.

## BRITISH ACTION FROM KENYA

Closing In On Italians

(By "Reuters" Correspondent in Sudan)

KHARTOUM, Dec. 26.—British patrols in the Kassala  
sector of the 1,200 mile Sudan-Abyssinian front are becoming  
more active and aggressive, and although this railway town,  
which is situated inside the Sudan 20 miles from the frontier, is  
held by the enemy, its streets have become dangerous at night for  
unwary Italian troops.



Sir Robert Brooke-Popham  
Far East Command  
C-In-C. Here

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert  
Brooke-Popham, the newly appointed  
Commander-in-Chief of the Com-  
bined British Forces in the Far East  
arrived in Hongkong by steamer from  
Singapore to-day.

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham will  
confer with the heads of the services  
in the Colony and carry out an in-  
spection of defences.

## DEATH OF MR NEIL LANG

Popular Hongkong  
Ship's Officer

The loss of one of the most  
highly esteemed and popular  
figures on the China Coast has  
taken place in the death, which  
occurred suddenly in Colombo  
on Christmas Day, of Mr Neil  
Lang. The news was conveyed  
by cable this morning to the  
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.,  
with which firm the late Mr  
Lang had served as a chief  
engineer for more than 30 years.

Mr Lang left Hongkong a few  
months ago because his ship was  
requisitioned for service by the  
British Government.

Born in 1873, Mr Lang served his  
apprenticeship with Messrs William  
Denny and Co., Ltd., of Dumbarton,  
Scotland, before coming out to  
China. In 1900 he joined the China  
Navigation Co., Ltd. Eight years  
later he joined the Douglas Steam-  
ship Co., Ltd., and had remained with that organiza-  
tion ever since.

**Fine Officer & Gentleman**  
A typical Scot of the old school,  
Mr Lang was a fine officer and a  
great gentleman. He was held in  
high regard and affection in many  
circles. He possessed a keen wit and  
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# 250 GUNS POUNDING AWAY AT BELEAGURED CITY OF BARDIA

By RICHARD MACMILLAN  
"United Press" Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY BESIEGING BARDIA, DEC. 26 (UP).—  
HEAVY BRITISH ARTILLERY THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS DAY HAM-  
MERED THE BELEAGURED CITY OF BARDIA, AND OCCASIONALLY  
THERE WERE INFANTRY ENGAGEMENTS IN NO-MAN'S-LAND.

THE BRITISH ATTACKERS HAVE BROUGHT UP HEAVY NAVAL  
ARTILLERY AND AT LEAST 250 BRITISH GUNS OF ALL CALIBRE ARE  
MASSSED IN A SEMI-CIRCLE AROUND THE PORT, INCLUDING SOME  
FRESH BATTERIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDED DURING THE PAST 24  
HOURS.

The Italians, who have been beaten further  
back upon Bardia, have been stubbornly resisting.  
There is brilliant sunshine and a cold wind  
is blowing.

The rival armies remained heedless of the  
Feast of Nativity as the British forces sought to  
sweep the Italian defences into the sea.

## Japanese Start New Operations

Southwest Kwangtung  
Towns Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANTON, Dec. 27 (Domei).—  
Simultaneously with the bring-  
ing into effect on December 25  
of the blockade announced by  
Admiral Shigetaro Shimada,  
Commander-in-Chief of the  
Japanese China Seas Fleet, on  
December 23, Japanese naval  
forces, including aircraft, start-  
ed operations against the Chung-  
king supply routes and harbours  
along the southwestern coast of  
Kwangtung, according to the  
press section of the Japanese  
South China Seas Fleet.

Naval planes carried out re-  
connaissance flights over Shui-  
ting, Tinpak, Yeungkong, Feng-  
tow, and Kwonghoi on the  
southwestern coast of Kwang-  
tung, inflicting severe damage to  
warehouses filled with war  
materials to be used by Chiang  
Kai-shek's forces.

## Belgians Called To Arms

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—A  
"call to arms" to all Belgians between  
the ages of 19 and 25 has been issued  
by the Belgian Consul-General, M.  
Charles Heleart.  
His appeal also includes reserve  
officers, while volunteers between the  
ages of 18 and 36 will be accepted.  
The announcement says: "Armed  
Belgian units are now being formed  
in England to fight side by side with  
the British and Allied armies.  
Belgians in countries not occupied by  
the German Army are affected by  
this decree and should consult their  
nearest Consul regarding their  
present military status."

## U.S. Transport Battered By Pacific Typhoon

Special to the "Telegraph"

HONOLULU, Dec. 26 (UP).—The United States Army  
transport Etolin arrived from Manila to-day enroute to San  
Francisco after having been buffeted on December 20 by a  
typhoon which carried away the after deck house, broke a num-  
ber of windows and disabled the radio antenna temporarily.

The ship carried about 100  
passengers of whom about 50  
were soldiers. Two of the crew  
were injured and subsequently  
died.

The Etolin's Master, Captain  
Adolph Schultz, said that the storm  
was the worst in his 45 years of ex-  
perience. The wind blew at force  
12 which is hurricane strength. He  
said, "The wind was so terrific that  
no one was able to stand on deck."

**Little Warning**  
The storm burst with but little  
warning at 10 a.m. on December 20

## De Gaulle Tells Vichy

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).  
—The announcement that the  
Vichy Government has decided  
to release French officers  
captured at Dakar has drawn  
from General de Gaulle a re-  
joinder.

He welcomes the fact that French  
public opinion has compelled the re-  
lease of these officers and non-  
commissioned officers whom, until  
recently, Vichy had intended to bring  
before a Court Martial.  
General de Gaulle adds that it is  
however, clearly understood that the  
step taken by Vichy will in no way  
modify the safety measures taken  
regarding certain generals and senior  
officers arrested by the Free French  
forces in the course of recent Police  
operations in Gabon.

# Hitler May Soon Attempt Invasion Of The Ukraine

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Neutral sources are re-emphasising the possibility of  
Hitler attempting an invasion of the Ukraine.

It is declared that a blitzkrieg campaign may be staged during January, when  
there is very little snow falling and everything is frozen hard, enabling the easy use  
of motorised equipment.

It is pointed out that if such a campaign is successful, Hitler will have his  
own granary which would be ready for planting by the spring.

It was added that such a cam-  
paign was well within the  
bounds of possibility "in this  
war of surprises in which logic  
plays no part."

## Turkish Opinion

Istanbul, Dec. 26 (UP).—A very  
well informed source who has just  
returned to Istanbul from Rumania  
is of the opinion that the arrival  
of any large new bodies of German  
troops would be highly significant,  
since the Rumanian authorities are  
not expecting any increase in the  
present figure, which, he said, was 42,000  
men.

He suggested that any troop move-  
ments through Hungary might be  
partially due to a shift towards south  
Poland.  
He estimated that there are 70  
German divisions on the Russo-Polish  
frontier, the movement of which is  
difficult because of the comparatively  
uniquated Polish railway system.

## Berlin Dismisses Reports

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (UP).—Author-  
ized Nazi circles said the foreign  
reports of Russo-German difficulties  
in the Rumanian area were "routine  
attempts of foreign propagandists to  
disturb the relations of the two coun-  
tries."

They also dismissed the "wishful  
thinking" reports of German troop  
movements on the Russo-German  
frontier, and that Russia had streng-  
thened her garrisons in both Besa-  
rabia and Poland.  
They put aside the report that the  
Russian delegate had resigned from the  
Danube river control conference  
which has now been adjourned until  
the middle of January.

## SUSPECT MURDER

The body of a Chinese was found  
on the hillside near Stanley Barracks  
this morning.  
No wounds were visible, but there  
were scratches on the face and hands,  
and the police suspect murder. They  
are investigating.

## Further Experiments With A.R.P. Tunnels

Work on the A.R.P. tunnels continued during the Christ-  
mas holidays, said Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director  
of Air Raid Precautions, and work on other A.R.P. projects is  
being proceeded with.

Experiments with seating ac-  
commodation and a system of  
ventilation was tried out.

Work on Kowloon tunnels was  
completed, and the tunnels were now  
available for use as shelters.  
The tunnels on the island, on the  
other hand, were found to provide  
difficulties on account of the steepness  
of the hillside. When rain fell the  
tunnels would become full and the  
volume of the water would constitute  
a danger to people sheltering there.

Certain of the tunnels on the island  
were being fully investigated, and it  
was hoped that they would ultimately  
be made fit for use as shelters. All  
tunnels were, nevertheless, potential  
shelters in the event of an emergency.

## THEY BOMBARD BARDIA

Here is one of the 250 guns  
reported to be incessantly  
bombarding the Italian strong-  
hold of Bardia. As can be seen  
in this official photograph, the  
gun is manned by Australians.



## NAZI EYES TURNING TOWARDS TURKEY

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Dec. 26 (UP).—Germany now possesses suf-  
ficient military strength to drive a wedge between Greece and  
Turkey.

However, diplomatic sources assert that it would be difficult  
to reconcile any German passage through Yugo-Slavia because of  
the recent pact with Hungary.

The Bulgarian situation is  
equally delicate.

It is believed that the Russian  
garrisons in Bessarabia now  
total at least 20 divisions with  
full mechanized accessories.  
This is double the number of  
Russians there last summer and  
early autumn.

## Spring Attack?

Germany's reported troops move-  
ment towards Rumania will require  
about one month according to the  
consensus of diplomatic opinion. It  
represents preparations for spring-  
time operations rather than any im-  
mediate action in the Balkans; how-  
ever, it is stressed the fact that it is  
impossible to do any accurate fore-  
casting because everything is appar-  
ently dependent upon the attitude of  
Russia.

Perhaps the Soviets would prefer  
to throw their support towards  
Turkey and remain aloof from any  
direct conflict.

The German garrisons in Rumania  
are estimated to range between ten  
and thirty divisions but it is admitted  
that this is purely guess work. Many  
trains are crossing the country carry-  
ing troops to Back Page, Column 3

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